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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Donald Norton York

SEVEN INDIVIDUALS INDICTED ON DRUG AND MURDER RELATED CHARGES

Seven individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury in Bay City, Michigan, July 27, 2005 on charges of trafficking in methamphetamine, firearm offenses and drug related homicide announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. The indictment was sealed by court order until today. Named in the 27- count indictment were:

Donald Norton York, 58, a resident of Flint, MI;
David Warren Tice, Jr., 40, a resident of Harrison, MI;
Shelli Tice, 40, a resident of Harrison, MI;
Jonathan Patrick Rose, 35, a resident of Southfield, MI;
Sergio Coria, 29, a resident of Gilroy, California;
Matthew Tyler, 33, a resident of Leslie, MI, and
James Laughton, 41, a resident of Harrison, MI

Assistant United States Attorney Michael Hluchaniuk, who presented the case to the Grand Jury, stated that, "The indictment charges that York, Tice, Coria, Tyler, and Laughton conspired to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine over a period of time ending in July of 2004. The indictment also charges that York, Tice, and Laughton also conspired to

murder Brian “Lefty” Langdon in March of 2002 and that Rose violated federal firearm laws. Shelli Tice is charged with illegally possessing drugs.

Assistant United States Attorney Hluchaniuk added that, "If convicted on all counts, all of the defendants, except Shelli Tice, face a sentence of life imprisonment. Shelli Tice faces a maximum sentence of one year on each of the two drug possession charges and all of the defendants face a possible fine in addition to a term of imprisonment. Any sentence will be imposed under the United States Sentencing Guidelines according to the nature of the offense and the criminal background, if any, of the defendants."

Mr. Hluchaniuk also stated that “The indictment is a culmination of a lengthy and complex investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Flint Police Department, the Michigan State Police, and Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET).”

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.